

Remarks:

Entry of the claim amendments and reconsideration of the claims is requested. After entry of the amendments, claims 1, 3, 4, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28 and 34-38 will be pending. The claim amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Telephone Interview. Applicants wish to thank Examiner's Bunner and Kemmerer for allowing the undersigned to conduct a telephone interview, on May 25, 2004, regarding the instant case.

During the interview, it was agreed that the statement on page 9 of the March 31, 2004 office action, that the action was "final", is an error. The action is not final.

In addition, it was agreed that if the terms "wound healing" and "carcinoma" were removed from claim 22, the claim would be allowable.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (¶1). Claims 22, 29 and 31 stand rejected for allegedly lacking enabling support. The Examiner states that methods for treating a patient suffering from a wound or from carcinoma by administering an anti-CTACK antibody are not enabled.

Applicants submit that withdrawal of the rejection of claims 22, 29 and 31 is appropriate and such action is requested. Specifically, claim 22, as amended, no longer recites "wound healing" or "carcinoma". As agreed to during the above-referenced telephone interview, amended claim 22, is in condition for allowance.

Furthermore, the rejection of claims 29 and 31 is now moot because the claims have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim Objections. Claims 27 and 28 are objected to because they depend upon a rejected base claim, 22. Withdrawal of the claim objections is appropriate because claim 22, as amended, is allowable. Such action is requested.

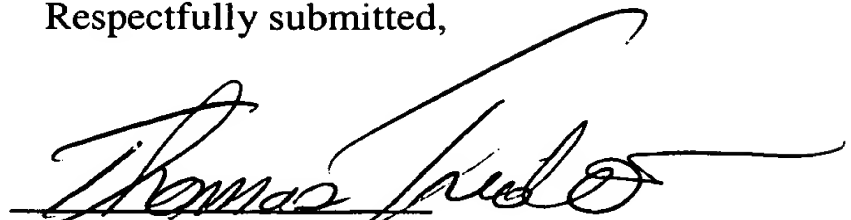
Conclusion:

Applicants submit that all of the claims, as amended, are now in condition for passage to allowance; such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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